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CATEGORY : Quota

TO : All Directors, Field Operations

FROM : Executive Director, Trade Programs

SUBJECT: QBT-2002-516: Establishment of Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) on
Carbon and Alloy Steel Slabs and Opening of Quota Period

REFERENCE: Field Instructions Related to Increased Tariffs for some Steel
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Information Notice Relating to Increased Tariffs for some Steel
Products (posted on ACS Bulletin Boards OTO 5)

On March 5, 2002, the President signed into effect a comprehensive relief program on steel imports. Part of the comprehensive relief program established a temporary tariff rate quota on steel slabs, other than those made of stainless steel or tool steel, provided for in Chapter 99, Subchapter III of the HTSUS. The quota is in effect for three years plus one day commencing on March 20, 2002.

COMMODITY:

Semi-finished carbon and alloy steel slabs other than stainless steel or tool steel, of a rectangular cross section, having a width measuring two or more times the thickness.

QUOTA PERIOD:

March 20, 2002 through March 19, 2003

OPENING DAY:

March 20, 2002 at Noon EST or its equivalent in other time zones.

RESTRAINT LEVELS:

Australia	354,652,505 Kilograms
Brazil	2,539,566,320
European Union	149,460,535
Japan	176,781,635
Russia	1,219,781,062
Ukraine	135,535,669

All Other * 323,021,274

* Refer to the Special Reporting Instructions for countries excluded from quota.

HTS NUMBERS:

7207.12.0010	(Carbon Steel)
7207.12.0050	(Carbon Steel)
7207.20.0025	(Carbon Steel)
7207.20.0045	(Carbon Steel)
7224.90.0055	(Other Alloy Steel)

Slabs of carbon steel having a rectangular cross-section width at least two times the thickness are subject to the TRQ. However, slabs of OTHER alloy steel must have a cross-section width of four or more times the thickness to be subject to the TRQ. (Note: products classified in HTS number 7224.90.0045 are **NOT** subject to the tariff rate quota)

Not all merchandise classified in the above HTS numbers is subject to the quota. Refer to the Special Reporting Instructions for excluded products.

REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS :

Low Tariff Rate

First Field	Second Field
9903.7238	7207.12.0010
	7207.12.0050
	7207.20.0025
	7207.20.0045
	7224.90.0055

High Tariff Rate

First Field	Second Field
9903.7240	7207.12.0010
	7207.12.0050
	7207.20.0025
	7207.20.0045
	7224.90.0055

Use entry type code 02, 07, 12, 23, 32, 38, or 02 for FTZ's.

Report in kilograms (kg).

Merchandise presented at opening shall be reported and released via the quota module of ACS until a "Hold" status is indicated.

SPECIAL REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Exempt Products - Products enumerated in the U.S. Notes 11(b)(v) or 11(b)(x) and designated as X-505 or X-137 or U.S. Note 11 (c) to Chapter 99, Subchapter III are exempt from the TRQ. If a product is exempt, the filer **MUST** record the appropriate Chapter 99 HTS number (HTS numbers 9903.72.30, 9903.72.31, or 9903.72.34) in the first tariff field and the appropriate Chapter 72 HTS number in the second tariff field on the CF 7501. If the summary does not include any quota-class merchandise, the filer may use entry type code 01.

Exempt Countries - Products of Canada, Israel, Jordan, and Mexico are exempt. In addition, products of countries listed in U.S. Note 11(d)(i) to Chapter 99, Subchapter III except for Brazil are exempt. Currently those countries include: Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Columbia, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Kinshasa), Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

If a country is exempt, the filer must record the appropriate Chapter 72 HTS number in the first tariff field on the CF 7501 **WITHOUT** a Chapter 99 HTS number.

Quota Merchandise Transferred from a Foreign Trade Zone for

Consumption – Merchandise subject to the tariff rate quota and entered into a U.S. Foreign Trade Zone on or after March 20, 2002, **must** be entered as “privileged foreign status” as defined in 19 CFR 146.41, and will be subject to any quantitative restrictions or tariffs related to the classification under the applicable HTS subheading upon withdrawal for consumption.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties (AD/CVD) – Merchandise subject to the tariff rate quota may also be subject to anti-dumping and countervailing duties. If the merchandise is subject to both the tariff rate quota and AD/CVD, entry type codes 07 or 38 must be used.

DISTRIBUTION:

Please ensure that this message is passed to Port Directors, Assistant Port Directors (Trade), National Import Specialists(s), Import Specialists, Inspectors, Entry Specialists and other interested parties such as brokers and importers.

For information concerning remedies to the Steel 201 Investigation involving higher tariffs, deferred duty payments, and steel export certificates, refer to the Customs Electronic Bulletin Board on the Customs website at www.customs.gov or on the United States Trade Representative website at www.ustr.gov.

Questions from the importing community regarding this electronic message should be referred to the local Customs port. The Customs port may refer their questions through cc: Mail to HQ Quota, or contact Stephen Silvestri at (202) 927-5397.

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